

REMARKS

Claims 17 and 21 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-16 and 18-20 are pending in the present case. Claims 9, 14, 16 and 18 have been amended herein.

35 USC 112 Rejection

Claims 9-15 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicant respectfully states that Claims 9 and 14 have been amended herein and the 35 USC 112 rejections have been overcome.

Specifically, the antecedent basis of Claims 9 and 14 have been amended herein.

35 USC 102 (b) Rejection

Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicants Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Applicant has amended Independent Claim 16 and respectfully asserts that the rejection with respect to those claims is moot.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 17 and respectfully states that the rejection with respect to Claim 17 is moot.

Independent Claim 16 has been amended herein to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 21 including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, as the examiner has stated, Independent Claim 16 is now allowable. Additionally, Claims 18-20 are dependent on

Independent Claim 16. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the

rejection of Claims 18-20 has been overcome, as these claims are dependent on an allowable base claim and recite additional limitations.

CONCLUSION

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-8. Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 9-15 after correction of the antecedent basis. Applicant further wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowable subject matter of Claim 21.

Based on the amendments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-16 and 18-20 are in condition for allowance and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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